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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with William G. Miller Concerning Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence Activities

1. I met with Bill Miller late this afternoon by way of follow up on the Director's telephone conversations with Chairman Frank Church and Vice Chairman John Tower of the Senate Select Committee. The purpose of the visit was to get some idea from Mr. Miller as to how the situation was developing at the staff level and to advise him that the Director had named [REDACTED] of the IC Staff, to be his personal point of contact with the Select Committee. Mr. Miller pointed out that he had not yet been named Staff Director but he gave the clear impression that he expected to be named to that post when the full Committee meets for the first time tomorrow afternoon at 1:45.

2. Mr. Miller repeated much of what Senator Church had said on the Issues and Answers TV program on Sunday, pointing out that he and the Committee considered the Agency essential to our national security and they are not out to destroy it. He said the Committee intended to conduct its inquiry in a responsible way. Their principal concern is to find ways and means in which the Agency's functions can be carried out effectively without violating its basic charter or in any way interfering with the constitutional rights of American citizens.

3. With respect to the security procedures under which the Committee will operate, he said that they intend to follow the practices utilized by the House Judiciary Committee in its Watergate investigations. He said they plan to conduct their business in a physically secure "room within a room" where only one copy of classified documents will be kept and these documents

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will be reviewed by both Committee members and Committee staff within this secure area. He said that personal staff of Committee members would not have access to this material unless they had been seconded to the Committee staff itself.

4. Mr. Miller said the Committee will be concerning itself initially with a study of the applicable laws and procedures of the various agencies so that they can determine what changes if any need to be made. He added that names of individuals and the specifics of what happened along with sensitive operations were a matter of secondary concern.

5. I told Mr. Miller that the security factors are a matter of great concern to the Director and others in the Agency and within the intelligence community and I urged him to meet with [] at his earliest convenience, preferably before the Committee's rules and regulations are finalized. I said I thought [] would have some useful suggestions for the Committee's consideration on areas of mutual interest, particularly with respect to security practices and procedures. Mr. Miller suggested that this meeting take place sometime early next week.

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